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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and 37 C.F.R. §1.97, Applicants submit a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, including one (1) pages of Form PTO-1449. Pursuant to the waiver in the notice entitled "Information Disclosure Statements May Be Filed Without Copies of U.S. Patents and Published Applications in Patent Applications Filed After June 30, 2003" published on August 5, 2003 in 1273 OG 55, a copy of the cited U.S. Patent is not enclosed. A copy will be provided upon request, however.

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) after a first Office Action on the merits. The Commissioner is authorized to charge \$180.00, the fee set forth under 37 CFR § 1.17(p), to Account No. 50-3129. It is believed that no additional fee is required with this submission. However, should an additional fee be required, the Commission is hereby authorized to charge any fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1329.

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Remarks

This statement should not be interpreted as a representation that an exhaustive search has been conducted or that no better art exists. Moreover, Applicants invite the Examiner to make an independent evaluation of the cited art to determine its relevance to the subject matter of the present application. Applicants are of the opinion that their claims patentably distinguish over the art referred to herein, either alone or in combination.

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